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1. ON THE EVENING OF SATURDAY MAY 3 THERE WERE 61 VIETNAMESE AT THE ROYAL THAI NAVAL BASE AT UTAPAO WHO HAD ARRIVED THAILAND BY BOAT. THE USAF AIRLIFT OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS WHO ESCAPED TO THAILAND IN MAP FUNDED AIRCRAFT CAME TO AN END WITH TWO PLANES EVACUATING ANOTHER 150 VIETNAMESE TO GUAM.

2. THE CONSUL IN UDORN REPORTS IN REFTEL C THAT THERE ARE 19 GVN EMBASSY-CONNECTED REFUGEES FROM VIENTIANE NOW IN UDORN.

3. YESTERDAY, MAY 2, THE STAFF OF THE GVN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK REQUESTED ASYLUM IN THE U.S. WITH DEPENDENTS THEY TOTAL 124. THE GVN EMBASSY HERE ALSO PROVIDED THE NAMES OF 28 OTHER VIETNAMESE IN BANGKOK WHO ARE SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE U.S.

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4. WE ASSUME THAT THE 64 VIETNAMESE WHO LANDED AT

DON MUANG ARE STILL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE RTG. AT LEAST
20 OTHER VIETNAMESE (INCLUDING THOSE EVACUATED BY EAGLE PULL)
ARE ASKING RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S.; AND THE 36 VIETNAMESE
STUDYING UNDER AID AUSPICES ARE STILL HERE.

5. IN ROUND FIGURES, MORE THAN 350 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THAILAND ARE KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY.
WE BELIEVE THERE ARE MORE ALREADY HERE (OR STILL TO
ARRIVE) THAT WILL COME TO OUR ATTENTION.
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